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## Says U. S. Is Really Up on Red Space Activity

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WASHINGTON—The Federal Government knows a lot more about the Soviet Union's progress in space than it is admitting, according to Cong. George Miller (D-Cal.), chairman of the House Committee on Science and Astronautics.

"I think they know a great deal more than they let you know," said Miller. He added that the public was not alone in this, because he as a congressman was "not cut in on any of it," either.

However, Miller said that this is a necessary evil, because if the Government publicized all its information, some of the sources might disappear.

"The 'other fellow' doesn't have a free press," said Miller. "He gets nothing, and if we insist on too much, maybe we're playing into his hands."

THIS LIMITED release of information is not "abuse of freedom of the press," however, he said. Miller cited a similar case of dummy anti-aircraft batteries that were placed around Washington during World War II.

"Well, they had one of these dummy batteries near the Capitol," he said, "and some congressman comes in and raises the dickens on the floor — 'you're fooling the people, you're saying you have anti-aircraft batteries and all you have is wooden guns out there' — This is the very thing you didn't want. He gave it off and of course the press picked it up."

MILLER was asked if the U. S. has any effective way to evaluate Russian progress in space.

"Well," he answered, "I would cast some aspersions on the CIA (Central Intelligence Agency) if I said . . . I think they have a lot of information in government, but you don't discuss sources or where it comes from. As long as it's there and available when you need it, you let it rest."

Miller was interviewed on the radio program "From